

23 November 1962

Dear Mr. Boissier,

I have been wanting to write to you since Mr. Ruegger and Mr. Borsinger left New York, to thank you for the consideration you gave to my request at a time of grave international crisis, and for the promptness with which you acted in sending Mr. Ruegger and Mr. Borsinger to New York to discuss the problem with us in greater detail. I have already expressed my appreciation to Mr. Ruegger personally, and I shall be grateful if you would once again convey my appreciation and gratitude to him and Mr. Borsinger.

It seems to me however, that, with the lifting of the quarantine imposed by the U.S.A., which was announced by the President of the United States last Tuesday, the question of calling upon the good offices of the ICRC in connection with the Cuban crisis, as originally envisaged, is no longer necessary. I hope you will agree with this view, and let me conclude once again by thanking you and your colleagues in the ICRC for your co-operation in this instance. I look forward to our continued co-operation in the future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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